



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### *Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Saturday, June 24, 2017  
 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 25, 2017  
 8:30 AM Mary Gudjonsson

11:00 AM John Stolarski – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Daily Mass this week will be held on  
 Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM

Monday, June 26, 2017  
 8:00 AM

Tuesday, June 27, 2017  
 8:00 AM Trudy Pereira

Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
 8:00 AM John & Esther Butler

Thursday, June 29, 2017  
 10:00 AM

Friday, June 30, 2017  
 NO MASS

### *Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Saturday, July 1, 2017  
 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 2, 2017  
 8:30 AM

11:00 AM John & Mary Rak

### ALTAR BREADS FOR JUNE & JULY

Is in memory of  
*Dr. Eduardo Leonardo*

### ALTAR WINE FOR JULY

Is in memory of  
*Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The Ministry Schedules are completed for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. They were emailed on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to all who have given us their email address. Those who do not have an email will receive their schedule in the mail.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL APPEAL

**This Wednesday is the close of this year's appeal. If you have not donated and are planning to, please do so before Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**

The Catholic Charities appeal, which supports many programs that serve the less fortunate, enables you to share in this work of love. Please consider responding in a generous manner to this year's plea. The contributions received to date are **\$36,155.00**. A **"pledge"** will allow you to give more and spread it over ten months without a payment until July. To make a donation, **make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church.** Please do not tear off any portion of the red and white contribution card.

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: #421 I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
 Preparation: #430 Be Not Afraid  
 Communion: #361 Take and Eat  
 Meditation #465 In Every Age  
 Recessional: #42 Tell the Good News

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,089.00
Organ Contributions to date	\$14,320.00
Catholic Charities to date	\$36,155.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,119.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. You can learn more about the collection, by visiting [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) Thank you for your continued support.



## In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Albert Remy* who died last week.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Religious Education**

*Remember attending mass regularly is part of your Religious Education!*

**2017-2018** Religious Education Registration Forms were sent. Please consider returning them as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office at 508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office at 508-673-7831.

### **Funeral Ministry Volunteers Needed**

Please consider joining this wonderful ministry to greet and serve those families who have lost a loved one. We are looking for adults who would be able to serve at funerals or be greeters at funeral masses. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

### **Reserving Sanctuary & Marian Candles**

If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary or Marian Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory at #508-673-7831.

### **MUSIC & MASS MISSALETTES**

There are still some months available for reserving the Music or the Mass Missalettes in memory of a loved one. If interested, please call the Rectory at #508-673-7831.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sept. 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct. 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### **SUPPORT GROUP FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED PERSONS**

The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a new bi-weekly support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be **Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM** and will be held every other **Tuesday evening (next meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup>)**. Dorothy Levesque, Spiritual Director will be leading the group.

### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

The Blood Pressure Clinic will resume at the end of September.

## **QUO VADIS DAYS – DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VOCATION RETREAT**

### **Young Men 14 – 18**

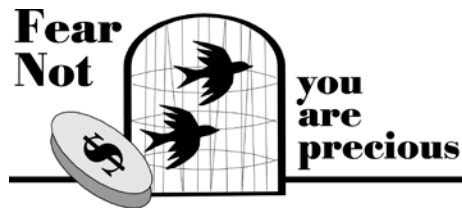
A time to share our faith and build fraternity with other young men seeking God’s will from Monday thru Friday **July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>** at Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. There will be priests, seminarians, and other young men gathered together for these days. Activities will include prayer, mountain hiking, sports, games, discussions and talks. For additional information regarding completing the registration form, please contact Fr. Kevin Cook at #508-824-570 or you can e-mail [frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org)

## **CHURCH ORGAN**

To date we have collected **\$14,320.00** toward our organ fund. The cost for the organ, complete installation and removal of the old organ will be **\$32,000**. Anyone willing to make a donation of any size as a gift or as a memorial in memory of a loved one is asked to do so and will be most welcomed and appreciated. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. **Envelopes marked Church Organ Fund are available at the entrance of the church.** If there are any questions please call me at the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

This is a group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Losing someone we love truly hurts, leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. Fall River Area Bereavement Group will be meeting beginning **July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup>**. This group meets every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for seven weeks at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA For more information call #508-678-2828 Ext. 27 or call #508-642-0583. There is no fee to participate. Parking is available adjacent to the building. All are welcome.



## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Because the prophet Jeremiah foretold disaster for Jerusalem, he was denounced. But Jeremiah trusted in the Lord and overcame his persecutors.

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15**

Paul explains to the Romans that Adam's sin brought death to all, but Christ's gift of himself brought grace and life.

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33**

In authoritative and encouraging words, Jesus urges the apostles to fear nothing -- only him who can destroy the soul. Telling them "every hair of your head has been counted," he promises that "Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 25, 2017**

**"But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."... "For to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord for he has rescued the life of the poor."**

We receive many gifts, and in our own day use the word 'regift' to pass on to someone else a gift we have received because we do not need it or like it. Some of our greatest gifts we take for granted. Consider for a moment the gift of life, of health, of family, of friends. All are important and treasured and are not for giving away.

St. Paul told the Romans of the gift of Jesus, rescuing us with the gift of grace which overflows, the gift of life in abundance. Remember the floods which hit the rivers in California and Texas last winter. Remember the devastation of hurricane Matthew in Haiti last fall. The overflow was devastating. The grace of God, offering us the abundant life, has been poured out into our hearts. He sends and we receive, but like any gift we have to reach out, open our hands and hearts to receive it. Yes, Lord, to you I have entrusted my cause.